

Please find below the daily C19 update, which can be shared more widely.

SCC DAILY BRIEFING 07/05/2020

The council will continue working over the bank holiday however the next briefing will be on Monday (11 May 2020). You can help us over the bank holiday weekend by sharing Stay Home messages on social media and sharing the Home But Not Alone number; the freephone number is **0800 876 6926** and it is staffed 9am – 5pm, every day.

I hope you have a restful weekend and enjoy your break. See you Monday

Please remember to **STAY AT HOME. PROTECT THE NHS. SAVE LIVES.**

With best wishes,

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Leader, Suffolk County Council

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Chief Executive, Suffolk County Council

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Current UK Risk Level: HIGH

The [risk to the UK](#) has been raised to high (as of 13/03/2020).

As of 13 Mar, UK is in the 'delay' phase of the government's action plan to limit the spread of the virus.

Current UK Situation

- As of 9am 6 May, 1,072,144 people have been tested and 201,101 tested positive. As of 5pm on 5 May, of those who tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, 30,076 have died (in all settings not just in hospitals). In Suffolk there are 1,159 confirmed cases. You can view the latest UK dashboard and cases by local authority [here](#).
- Government's Daily Press Conference: 6 May – transcript available [here](#).
 - The Prime Minister will set out on Sunday our approach the second phase of this pandemic.
 - **Every local economy now needs a plan to re-start and recover.** We will be informing those plans with our own detailed work in areas such as: how workplaces can be adapted, how outdoors spaces can be managed, and how public transport networks can operate. We are considering how we can create more room in the town centre for pedestrians. How we can make it easier to cycle or walk to work.
 - Press conference slides with the latest data from COBR coronavirus fact file (transport use, new cases, hospital admissions, deaths) and datasets available [here](#).
 - View past press conferences on [YouTube](#)
- [Over 1 million food boxes delivered to those most at risk from coronavirus](#)
- [Dedicated app for social care workers launched](#) - Care workers get access to guidance, learning resources, discounts and other support all in one place. Support will be offered on mental health and wellbeing through toolkits and resources.
- [A new fund will enable eligible dairy farmers in England to access up to £10,000](#) each to help them overcome the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.
- [Vital building safety work](#) - Leaders from 25 councils have pledged their commitment to ensuring vital building safety work continues during the pandemic.
- [New reagent available to support global diagnostic testing of coronavirus](#) – A new biological reagent is now available to labs around the UK and the world that will help them to set up and develop accurate diagnostic tests
- [Business rates revaluation postponed](#) - A revaluation of business rates will no longer take place in 2021 to help reduce uncertainty for firms affected by the impacts of coronavirus.
- [UK Medicines Regulator warns against purchasing fake or unlicensed coronavirus medicines](#) - The MHRA advises that you purchase from a registered pharmacy – either from the premises or online. If people suspect they have a dodgy medicine or medical device, they can report it via our safety monitoring system - [the Yellow Card scheme](#).
- [Coronavirus-related deaths by ethnic group, England and Wales: 2 March 2020 to 10 April 2020](#) – consistent with previous news that BAME population seems to be more affected by COVID-19, this data also shows that the ratio of Coronavirus-related deaths to non Coronavirus-related deaths is higher in all non-White ethnic groups compared to White ethnic group.
- [BBC: Bank of England warns of deepest recession on record](#) - The Bank's analysis was based on social distancing measures being gradually phased out between June and September. While UK growth is expected to rebound in 2021 to 15%, the size of the economy is not expected to get back to its pre-virus peak until the middle of next year.
- [Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions against COVID-19 in Europe: a quasi-experimental study](#) – this study found that closure of education facilities, prohibiting mass gatherings and closure of some non-essential businesses were associated with reduced COVID-19 incidence whereas stay at home orders, closure of all non-businesses and requiring the wearing of

facemasks or coverings in public was not associated with any independent additional impact. Please note that this article has not been certified by peer review and reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should not be used to guide clinical practice.

Suffolk

Brown Bin collections to resume in West Suffolk and East Suffolk: Brown bin collections of garden waste will resume in East Suffolk on Monday 25 May and West Suffolk on 1 June 2020, after they were suspended at the start of the lockdown. For more information if you live in East Suffolk visit; www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collection-and-disposal/garden-waste/ and for West Suffolk visit; www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/news/prws2020050601.cfm

Support from the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB): SGPB is a partnership of all Suffolk local authorities, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, University of Suffolk and New Anglia LEP. In Suffolk our Economy & business recovery work for COVID- 19 is being led by SGPB and the website includes links to funding / surveys / economic impact work. <https://www.suffolkgrowth.co.uk/> Please do pass this information on to your contacts.

Social care app: The Department for Health and Social Care launched a new app for adult social care workers in England. The app will provide: coronavirus information and guidance and access to mental health support. For more information visit; <https://workforce.adultsocialcare.uk>

GP Practices open this bank holiday: All GP practices across Suffolk will be open as normal on Friday's bank holiday (May 8) – in support of the national campaign to encourage people to get the medical help they need. Anyone wishing to contact their GP practice should do so by telephone or online. Most community pharmacies will also be open on the bank holiday between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. for prescriptions and health advice. For more information [click here](#)

Suffolk Mind new counselling service for men: Suffolk Mind have launched a new telephone counselling service for men aged over 18 in Suffolk. The service will offer a one hour session on a weekly basis for a six week period with a trained counsellor. These sessions are free of charge and give men the opportunity to discuss any anxieties, worries or fears that they may have during this time. Visit their website for more details: www.suffolkmind.org.uk/services/telephone-counselling-for-men/

Clap for Carers: It is Thursday once again so please don't forget to #ClapforCarers tonight at 8pm and to praise the NHS. Our local hospitals have asked that people please don't go to hospital to clap but stay at home and clap from doorsteps. It is absolutely right that we show the NHS our support and appreciation for all their tireless work but it is also worth remembering our other unsung heroes; care workers, social workers, family carers, foster carers, to name a few, during this show of appreciation.. These incredible people are showing great strength and dedication to others and are often doing this quietly in the background, just getting on and doing what needs to be done.

Each and every one of them deserves to feel the support of the rest of the nation, so please try to think of them while we applaud our brilliant NHS this evening.

Useful Websites (any new guidance is in RED)

The existing guidance is being updated extremely regularly so please check any guidance relevant to your area to ensure that you are accessing the most up to date version. We are not including in this table all the published material but some of the key guidance that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners

	Title	Who For	Comments
NEW	Guidance for businesses seeking to help voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak	businesses	How businesses can offer services, funds and volunteers to civil society during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for children's social care services	local authorities and their partners	Guidance updated to reflect the temporary changes made in the Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.
UPDATED	MHRA guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19)	industry, healthcare professionals and patients	Added 'Valproate Pregnancy Prevention Programme: temporary advice for management during coronavirus' in the 'Medicines and COVID-19' section.
1	NHS - COVID-19 go-to page	General Public – <u>this is the only site we should be promoting to the public for information</u>	
2	GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	

3	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance	Main collection of guidance for anyone in any setting - Guidance for the public (incl. social distancing and shielding) - Guidance for non-clinical settings (incl. cleaning, educational settings, employees, employers, businesses, residential care, supported living and home care) - Guidance for health professionals - Infection prevention and control (incl. PPE) - Sampling and diagnostics	
4	Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)	Everyone	
5	Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do	Everyone	
6	Coronavirus: How to help safely	Everyone	
7	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Accessing food and essential supplies	Everyone	
8	Mental health support and advice from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO • mentalhealth.org.uk • Ipswich & East CCG • Living Life To The Full • NHS Practitioner Wellbeing • Samaritans 	General public, staff and carers	
9	Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19:	General public	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 		
10	Coronavirus (COVID-19): adult social care guidance	social care	
11	Support for the bereaved	bereaved families, friends or next of kin	
12	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage	Professionals	
13	COVID-19 Hospital Cases Tracker - Quick View for Suffolk	Everyone	

Local Resources:

Below are any local resources that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners.

	Title	Who For	Comments
	New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk	Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	The New Anglia LEP - alongside other partners including local authorities - have pulled together lists and links to key employment roles needed now as part of the response to the current crisis.
	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership	Everyone	The website aims to help everyone understand the signs of neglect or abuse and what to do if they are worried about a child or an adult.
	NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB	Businesses needing support	A one stop shop source of information for government support and guidance available to businesses including 121 business advice sources of business grants and loans.
	Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub	Everyone	This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing.
	Suffolk County Council:	Everyone	Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-

Coronavirus information		19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance.
Keep Moving Suffolk	Everyone	The website contains free resources, ideas, tips, useful links and positive stories to encourage people to stay active during these unprecedented times. The website and our social channels will be constantly updated.

Global: WHO Situation Report – reports available [here](#)

- WHO RISK ASSESSMENT (Global Level) - Very High
- [WHO Covid-19 Dashboard](#) for professionals using near real time data.
- [GOARN COVID-19 Knowledge hub](#) - central repository of quality public health information, guidance, tools and webinars which can be accessed freely at any point.

Situation in Numbers WHO SitRep 107, 6 May *(new since last 24hrs)*

Location	Confirmed	Deaths
Globally	3 588 773 cases (71 463)	247 503 deaths (4102)
Africa	33 973 cases(1403)	1202 deaths(90)
Americas	1 507 148 cases(29 701)	81 070 deaths(1480)
Eastern Mediterranean	221 230 cases(7854)	8290 deaths (175)
Europe	1 593 828 cases(27 179)	147 780 deaths (2178)
South-East Asia	76 998 cases(4310)	2821 deaths (139)
Western Pacific	154 884 cases(1016)	6327 deaths (40)